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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Designation of 430 Churchill Avenue North, Westboro Masonic Hall, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

This letter is to advise you that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of January 24, 2024, approved the following recommendation in respect of the above-noted item:

That Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the Westboro Masonic Hall under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* according to the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value.

A copy of the complete report in this matter, as well as the Minutes of the City Council meeting of January 24, 2024, can be found on the City's website at ottawa.ca/agendas.

Enclosed is the Notice of Intention to Designate, served according to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, to be published online at Ottawa.ca/heritagenotices on January 26, 2024. You will have 30 days from the publication date, until February 25, 2024, to file an objection to the designation. Should you wish to object to the designation, you may do so by submitting a notice of objection in writing, outlining the reasons for the objection and any other relevant information. The notice must be received by the Clerk of the City of Ottawa within 30 days after the online publication of this notice.

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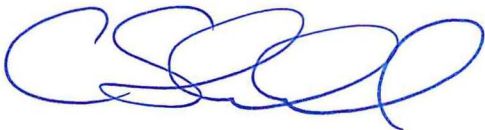
The notice of objection can be submitted via email to CityClerk-HeritageObjections@ottawa.ca, or via registered mail or in-person delivery, by appointment, at the following coordinates:

David White, Interim City Clerk
c/o Mélanie Blais, Committee Coordinator
110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1, mail code 01-71

To make an appointment, please contact Mélanie Blais, Committee Coordinator at (613) 580-2424, ext. 27005, or at melanie.blais@ottawa.ca. When an objection has been received, City Council will consider the objection including all relevant information within 90 days after the end of the objection period. After consideration of the objection, Council may decide to withdraw the Notice of Intention to Designate or to pass a by-law designating the property under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Should Council pass a by-law to designate the property, there will be further correspondence from the City on how you may appeal this decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Should you require further information, please contact Greg MacPherson, Heritage Planner, at (613) 580-2424, 73665 or by email at greg.macpherson@ottawa.ca.

Regards,



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Deputy Clerk for David White
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Encl.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE WESTBORO MASONIC HALL, 430
CHURCHILL AVENUE NORTH AS A PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR
INTEREST, PURSUANT TO SECTION 29 (3) OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O.
1990, c. O.18***

DATED AND PUBLISHED at the City of Ottawa this 26th day of January, 2024.

TAKE NOTICE that the City of Ottawa, on January 24, 2024, established its intention to designate Westboro Masonic Hall, 430 Churchill Avenue North under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The Westboro Masonic Temple, 430 Churchill Avenue North, is a two-storey red brick building located near the intersection of Churchill Avenue North and Byron Avenue in Ottawa's Westboro neighbourhood.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The Westboro Masonic Temple has design value as a representative example of a purpose built Masonic Temple influenced by the Edwardian Classicist and Beaux Arts architectural styles. Constructed in 1924, the building's symmetrical design, simple classical features, and integrated Masonic symbols such as the letter "G", the compass, and the square align with Canadian and international examples of other Masonic Temples and exemplify the building's origins as a space of Freemasonry. Features of the façade associated with the Edwardian Classicist and Beaux Arts styles include the integrated brick quoins, lintels and voussoirs, the façade's central bay, and the symmetrical placement of door and window openings.

The Westboro Masonic Temple is directly associated with the growth of Freemasonry and fraternal organizations in Ottawa. As Ottawa's suburbs expanded in the early 20th century, new branches of the Masons and other fraternal organizations were established, often meeting in private homes or rented spaces such as church halls. The Westboro Masonic Temple was purpose built to meet the needs of Westboro's growing Masonic community, established by two local Lodges: the Ionic Lodge and the Acacia Lodge.

The Westboro Masonic Temple reflects the work of notable local architecture firm Richards and Abra, lead by Hugh Archibald Richards and William J. Abra. Richards and Abra are credited with numerous notable buildings including the ByWard Market building, Nepean Highschool, and the Mayfair Apartments.

The Westboro Masonic Temple has contextual value as a landmark building that supports the character of Westboro and is historically linked to its surroundings. Its elevated location near the intersection of Churchill Avenue and Byron Avenue allows for the building to serve as a highly visible local landmark. Located adjacent to the former streetcar line, the property represents the 20th century growth of Westboro into a thriving suburban village which featured social and institutional spaces like the Masonic Temple in close proximity to commercial uses on nearby Richmond Road and surrounding residences.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Key exterior attributes that contribute to the heritage value of the Westboro Masonic Temple as a representative example of a purpose built Masonic Temple designed with elements of the Edwardian Classicist and Beaux Arts styles include:

- Well balanced symmetrical façade with central bay and stepped parapet roof.
- Red brick cladding with decorative elements including integrated red brick quoining, voussoirs, and lintels.

- Stone inserts, including those decorated with Masonic symbols – the square, compass, and letter “G” – or inscribed with the place name and names of founding lodges – Masonic Temple, Acacia, and Ionic.
- Primary cornice above second storey windows.
- Secondary cornice below second floor windows.
- Symmetrical location of window and door openings on the front façade

Key attributes that demonstrate the Westboro Masonic Temple’s contextual value are:

- Its prominent siting near the intersection of Churchill Avenue and Byron Avenue.

OBJECTIONS

Please be advised that any person wishing to object to this designation may do so under the objection process set out in Section 29 (5) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* by giving the Clerk of the City of Ottawa, within 30 days after the online publication of this notice, a notice of objection outlining the reasons for the objection and any other relevant information.

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